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SUBJECT: MBFR: SPC DISCUSSION OCTOBER 18 ON AIR MANPOWER

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SUMMARY: U.S. REP AT OCTOBER 18 SPC INTRODUCED DRAFT GUIDANCE
ON NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT FOR AIR FORCE MANPOWER, AND MADE STATE-

MENT BASED ON REFTEL, CIRCULATING MOST OF IT AS A PAPER.
FRG REP MADE ANOTHER STATEMENT, BASED ON NEW INSTRUCTIONS.
HE STRESSED THAT NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT ON AIR MANPOWER WOULD BE
A NEW ELEMENT IN ALLIED POSITION AND DESERVES CAREFUL STUDY. BONN
WANTS MILITARY-TECHNICAL ANALYSIS IN MBFR WORKING GROUP OF WHETHER
A LIMIT ON AIR MANPOWER IS NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT COULD BE ACCEPT-
ABLE UNDER MILITARY-SECURITY CONSIDERATION. RE POLITICAL IMPLICATION,
BONN WISHED TO REITERATE CONCERN THAT INCLUSION OF AIR FORCE
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MANPOWER IN NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT IN PHASE LINKAGE CONTEXT
WOULD GIVE OTHER SIDE IMPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS TO REDUCE AIR
MANPOWER IN PHASE II. UK REP, BACKTRACKING FROM UK POSITION
AT PREVIOUS MEETING, SAID WG COULD STUDY THE THREE QUESTIONS UK
HAD RAISED, WHILE AWAITING SACEUR COMMENT AS WELL. HE SAID UK SAW AS

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ONE WAY TO MEET FRG CONCERN, THE EXTENSION OF NON-INCREASE COMMIT-
MENT SIMPLY TO "OTHER FORCES REMAINING IN THE AREA," TO AVOID ANY
IMPLICATION OF BRINGING AIR FORCES INTO THE NEGOTIATION. HE
RECOGNIZED THAT THIS APPROACH WOULD NOT MEET U.S. OBJECTIVE
OF CAPITALIZING ON OTHER SIDE'S INTEREST IN AIR MANPOWER. HE

NOTED THAT UK PLANS TO INCREASE AIR MANPOWER BY 900 OVER
NEXT FOUR YEARS, AND THAT SMALL INCREASES BY OTHERS COULD ADD
UP. BELGIAN REP ALSO SUPPORTED WG STUDY OF NON-INCREASE
COMMITMENT. U.S. AND DUTCH REPS SOUGHT TO KEEP DISCUSSION IN
SPC, AND TO ELICIT MORE SPECIFIC EXPLANATION FROM FRG REP ABOUT
WHAT WG COULD DO ON NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT. COMMENT. SOME
FURTHER WG WORK ON NON-INCREASE NOW APPEARS INEVITABLE, AND
MISSION DOES NOT WANT TO HOLD IT UP. WE INTEND AT NEXT SPC
MEETING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, TO TAKE LINE THAT SPC DISCUSSION
OF NON-INCREASE SHOULD CONTINUE. IF SEVERAL SPC MEMBERS CONTINUE
TO ADVOCATE FURTHER WG STUDY, WE WOULD AGREE TO PARALLEL WG
WORK ON SPECIFIC ISSUES. (I.E. THE THREE UK
QUESTIONS, THE TURKISH QUESTION WHETHER NON-INCREASE WOULD HAVE
ANY EFFECT ON THE FLANKS, AND
BELGIAN QUESTION ABOUT IMPACT
OF NON-INCREASE ON POSSIBLE FORCE RE-STRUCTURING). SPETEL
REPORTS SPC MEETING IN MORE DETAIL. END SUMMARY
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